

## PATENT APPLN. NO. 09/674,289 AMENDMENT

- cellulosic raw material is formed into a fiber suspension,
- components modifying the properties of fibers are added to the fiber suspension and
- the fiber material is introduced to a paper machine and formed into a web,

## characterized in that

- an alkyl derivative of cellulose, which is water-soluble in mainly alkaline conditions, is mixed into the fiber suspension in alkaline conditions before introducing the fiber suspension to the paper machine, the derivative being at least partly dissolved in water, and
- the derivative is allowed to be bonded to the fibrous raw material prior to the fibrous material being formed into a web so that the bonded cellulose derivative can not be washed off with water.

